University of Georgia, Athens, May. 12. 1834.

To the committee of correspondence, Socty of Inqy,
Theol. Seminary Princeton.

Dear Brethren, Your communication dated Dec. 12, 1833. was received in due time & its contents afforded gratifying intelligence. An earlier opportunity would have been embraced for replying, had we been less engaged in other business connected with our infant society. Did we not know that you are experienced in the duties of a college life, we might offer further explanations, but you cannot be incapable of appreciating our situation at present, you therefore are fully aware that our time is precious. With regard to our society, the experiment so far promises well. Our meetings are considered interesting, the reports evince industrious research & pious zeal on the part of the writers. The facts exhibited are of a character to enlist the feelings & hearts of the auditory in the cause of the institutions whose operations are shown & interestin advocated by the writers. So that we think our meetings must have a beneficial tendency upon those who attend them. But our first and great object is to enlighten our own minds & get our own hearts permanently enlisted in the benevolent operations of the day — to feel deeply that we are not our own — that we dare not consult our own will or seek our own pleasure in deciding on the ~~future~~ field of future operation — that we are God's property & bound by solemn obligations to spend & be spent with reference to the good of his church. Such are our motives & such the effects experienced in managing the concerns of our society.

But this society is yet in its infancy. The present executive committee must soon transfer its management to other hands. The most we can expect, is to pave the way for the benefit of others & commend our succeſsors to the guardianship of him who rules over all things.

We hope your society will remember this & render it that aſsistance which your superior experience may suggest as most expedient. Occasionally a stirring letter may be greatly beneficial — any facts which you may publish cannot come amiſs, of these we stand greatly in need, as our reading room is but just commenced being fitted up.

The writer feels that his native state is far behind some of her older sisters in the benevolent movements of the day — & more than this he knows that profeſsed Christians lack much of coming up to the high standard of moral excellence, attained by primitive christians — want much of poſseſsing the self denying spirit breathed through the gospel. He therefore feels a longing desire that this society may do much in kindling a spirit of benevolent enterprize & christian fortitude in the minds of the youth who are for years to resort to this seat of science, so that this fountain of learning may send forth pure streams to bleſs church & state. Brethren great results sometimes are produced from little causes. We hope our small aſsociation will prove an efficient spring to set in motion extensive machinery. Its situation is elevated & commands an extensive prospect. A single emenating ray meets a thousand eyes & lights up interesting scenery.

We conclude our remarks by asking in behalf of our society an interest in your prayers.

Will you excuse a short digression from the immediate subject of our letter. This is suggested by the feelings of the writer as an individual. You are doubtless aware that of the youth of this State a small proportion receive a liberal education & of those who do a smaller proportion still feel disposed to make ~~make~~ the sacrifice necessary for entering the ministry. The consequence is, that we stand in great need of an enlightened ministry, Georgia is indeed a missionary field, not that we have only a few preachers of zeal & industry, but very many while they are in the place of teachers have need to be taught in plain bible truths. Therefore while the moral chart of the world is spread before you & while you are looking with prayer & fasting for the field of future labour & usefulness think of Georgia. It spreads a wide if not an inviting field for the devoted servant of Christ. I do not wish to urge the claims of Georgia as superior to those of heathen nations. By no means. I believe it would be of great advantage to our churches to send out of their own sons many such as Boggs Pinney & Adger. But Georgia possesses wealth & intelligence & much of these could by comparatively little labour be enlisted in behalf of missions, if those were settled among us who felt deeply & represented forcibly the pressing claims of pagan lands upon our sympathies & continuous exertions

One circumstance renders the settlement of many more educated preachers in this part of the Union very desirable. We have a large extent of newly settled &

press home their claims upon ~~to~~ the best feelings of our nature as men & christians. Brethren wherever we are called to labour, we may say with Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work" & have not a moment to squander in idleness. May the Lord bless the efforts of your body in the dissemination of useful knowledge. Yours &c. Jas. H. Saye

Committie of correspondence } Vice President of the
Thl. S. Princeton. M. S. F. C.

MAY 11 Ga.

25

Mr. Richd. Webster
Cors. Secretary
Society of Inquiry
Theological Seminary
Princeton
New Jersey.

Missionary Society
University of Georgia
June 13th 1834

territory, the character of the people ~~are~~ is now pliable & susceptible of a fine mould. In a few years the opportunity may be gone. But while I speak thus of Georgia I am conscious that a large part of the whole country is in a like condition. Indeed the whole world presents its urgent claims to our attention. China, Burmah Africa & the Islands of the sea with the agonizing groans of perishing millions—